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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

HUSAINATU BAH, L.P.N. : LPN LICENSE NO. 26NP06521500 :

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING AS
A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AND THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

HUSAINATU BAH, L.P.N.
RN LICENSE NO. 26NR16987700

TO PRACTICE NURSING AS A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the State Board of Nursing ("Board") by John J. Hoffman, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, Christopher Salloum, Deputy Attorney General, appearing, upon receipt of information evidencing that the Respondent, Husainatu Bah, L.P.N., obtained a license to practice nursing as a registered

professional nurse ("RN license") in this State through fraud, deception, and misrepresentation.

Specifically, on or about July 15, 2013, the Respondent, who was already licensed to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this State, submitted an application to obtain an RN license by endorsement in which she fraudulently represented that she had completed a course of professional nursing study at, and had been issued an RN diploma by, Ohio American Health Care, a now-defunct nursing school formerly located in the State of Ohio. Approximately three months after the submission of her application, the Board issued the Respondent an RN license on October 15, 2013.

In addition, the Respondent has failed to present proof demonstrating that she satisfied her continuing education obligations for the 2009-2011 LPN license renewal cycle as required by N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, despite the Respondent's attestation to the contrary on her 2011 renewal form.

The Board finds that Respondent's conduct, as described above, involves the use or employment of fraud and dishonesty, and violates N.J.S.A. 45:11-37(g), thereby providing a basis to suspend or revoke Respondent's license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b), and to revoke Respondent's license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b).

Respondent, on the advice of counsel, now agreeing to the terms of this Consent Order, and the Board, now finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore, on this Mind day of Deal Molk, 2015, ORDERED that:

- 1. Effective January 15, 2016, Respondent's license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall be suspended for twenty-four (24) months, or until she submits documentation demonstrating, to the Board's satisfaction, that she has satisfied all of her continuing education obligations, whichever is longer.
- 2. Effective January 15, 2016, Respondent shall cease and desist from the practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse until her license is reinstated by further order of the Board.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse shall be, and hereby is, revoked, effective <u>nunc</u> pro <u>tunc</u> November 28, 2013.
- 4. Respondent shall be, and hereby is, reprimanded for misrepresenting that she had satisfied her continuing education requirements on her 2011 biennial renewal.
- 5. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the fraudulent conduct related to her submission of an application for, and receipt of, an RN license by endorsement.

- 6. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00) for failing to timely satisfy her continuing education requirements.
- 7. Respondent shall pay the above-mentioned penalties, totaling One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,250.00), in twelve (12) monthly installments on the fifteenth (15th) day of each month, beginning on January 15, 2016. The first eleven payments shall be in the amount of One Hundred Four and 17/100 Dollars (\$104.17), and the twelfth and final payment shall be in the amount of One Hundred Four and 13/100 Dollars (\$104.13). Such payments shall be paid by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to the Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment shall be rejected and returned to the Respondent.

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-,	Patricia Murphy, I Board President	Ph. D. ,	A. P. N .

I have read the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand the meaning and effect of this Consent Order and understand that it has serious legal consequences. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Consent Order.

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I hereby consent to the form and entry of this Consent Order.

Richard West, Esq.

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